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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The second session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 September to 9 October 1992. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 28 September 1992 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the second session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Filling of vacancy.

3. Solemn declaration by a newly appointed member of the Committee.

4. Review of developments relevant to the work of the Committee, including:

   (a) action by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

   (b) action by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session;

   (c) developments in other human rights treaty monitoring bodies.

5. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights.

6. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention.

7. System of documentation and information.

8 Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee and the pre-sessional Working Group in respect of the consideration of reports to be submitted by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention, including:

   (a) consideration of the question of technical advice or assistance;

   (b) consideration of the question of an informal technical advisory group.

9. Consideration of information required under each section of the reporting guidelines.

10. General discussion on "Children in armed conflicts".

11. Question of urgent appeals.

12. Future studies.

13. Future meetings.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers, when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Filling of vacancy

In accordance with article 43, paragraph 7, of the Convention and rule 14, paragraph 4 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to take action by secret ballot with regard to the approval of the appointment of an expert to serve for the remainder of the term, expiring on 28 February 1993, of Ms. Maria de Fátima Borges de Omena, expert from Brazil, who has resigned.

3. Solemn declaration

In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure and subject to the approval of the appointment by the Committee, the newly appointed member of the Committee will be invited to make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

4. Review of developments relevant to the work of the Committee, including: (a) action by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session; (b) action by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session; and (c) developments in other human rights treaty monitoring bodies

Under this item, the Rapporteur will inform the Committee about developments relevant to its work that have occurred since the preceding session. The Committee will also be briefed about developments relating to other human rights treaty monitoring bodies by members designated for that purpose by the Committee at its first session.

The Committee will have before it:

- A note by the Secretariat containing relevant information about action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session and by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session;

- General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 46/112 of 12 December 1991;

- Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1992/15 and 1992/75 of 21 February and 5 March 1992, respectively.

5. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will have before it the report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference (A/CONF.157/PC/37) and will receive an oral briefing from its Chairperson, who attended that session. In that light, the Committee will consider any further contribution it may wish to make to the third session of the Preparatory Committee and to the World Conference.

6. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee may wish to review and discuss the status of the submission of reports, particularly in light of the fact that as of 1 September 1992, 22 initial reports will have become due. The Committee will have before it:

- A note by the Secretary-General on initial reports of States parties due in 1992 (CRC/C/3);

- A note by the Secretary-General on initial reports of States parties due in 1993 (CRC/C/8).

7. System of documentation and information

Under this item, the Committee may, inter alia, wish to examine the issue of statistical indicators which may be of relevance to its work, and discuss the development of a model statistical table. It will have before it the summary records of the discussion held at the sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on the topic of social and economic indicators (E/C.12/1991/SR.19 to 21).

8. Matters relating to the methods of work of the Committee and the pre-sessional Working Group in respect of the consideration of reports to be submitted by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention, including: (a) consideration of the question of technical advice or assistance, and (b) consideration of the question of an informal technical advisory group

Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue the discussions initiated at its first session concerning issues related to its methods of dealing with State party requests for technical advice and assistance, taking into account articles 44 and 45 (a) and (b) of the Convention and rules 34, 70 and 74 of its provisional rules of procedure.

The Committee may also wish to consider ways to strengthen activities relating to the implementation of the Convention, in the context of the technical assistance and advisory services programmes of the Centre. With regard to the question of an informal technical advisory group, it will be recalled that the establishment of such a group, consisting of representatives of specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organs, to assist the Committee, when appropriate, during the preliminary review of reports submitted by States parties in the pre-sessional Working Group, had been suggested during its first session.

9. Consideration of information required under each section of the reporting guidelines

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports to be submitted by States parties, taking into account the reporting guidelines adopted at the first session of the Committee (CRC/C/5) and available data.

10. General discussion on "Children in armed conflicts"

Pursuant to rule 75 of the provisonal rules of procedure, the Committee decided that, at its second session, a day of general discussion would be devoted to the topic of "Children in armed conflicts", and agreed to invite interested agencies and individual experts to participate in that general discussion on 5 October 1992. Invitations were dispatched by the Secretariat to relevant organizations on 11 May 1992.

11. Question of urgent appeals

Under this item, the Committee may wish to examine procedures under which it could envisage, under specific circumstances, sending urgent appeals to States parties in order to ensure that the human rights of children as set forth in the Convention are strictly observed.

12. Future studies

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider whether, in accordance with rule 76 of its provisional rules of procedure and as provided in article 45, subparagraph (c), of the Convention, it should recommend to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General undertake on its behalf a study on a specific issue relating to the rights of the child. It may also wish to consider whether studies on topics of relevance to the Committee's work should be requested from other bodies.

13. Future meetings of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will be informed of the latest developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings and may wish to discuss dates for its third and fourth sessions on a contingency basis.

14. Other matters

Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.